



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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\*\*\*\*\* URGENT \*\*\*\*\*

## **DON'T CLEAR PROPERTY UNTIL DAMAGE IS ASSESSED**

***Clearing Before Assessment Finished Could Jeopardize Insurance Reimbursement***

For unincorporated areas, please do not remove any debris from properties where a structure has been destroyed or damaged until after County Damage Assessment Teams have completed the assessment and documented the loss. Doing so could hinder the County's ability to adequately document the loss and jeopardize reimbursements from insurance companies.

Residents can continue to go through the debris to look for family heirlooms or valuables. However, they are cautioned not to carry out any significant debris removal until the Damage Assessment Teams have completed their work.

Once the assessment has been completed, the property will be tagged with either yellow ribbon or a yellow card with the following label:

**DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMPLETED**

**HOTLINE: 866-402-6044**

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

Currently, some 20 Damage Assessment Teams are working in the fire areas and are making every effort to complete their work within the next few days.

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